



January 29, 2016

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1187

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DIGEST OF HB 1187 (Updated January 27, 2016 5:14 pm - DI 69)

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-43.

**Synopsis:** Stolen valor. Makes it committing stolen valor, a Class A misdemeanor (instead of a Level 6 felony), for a person to knowingly or intentionally, with the intent to obtain money, property, or another benefit: (1) fraudulently represent himself or herself to be an active member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States; (2) use falsified military identification; or (3) fraudulently claim to be the recipient of certain military honors.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 7, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.  
January 28, 2016, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 35-43-5-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2016]: **Sec. 22. A person who, with the intent to obtain money,**  
4 **property, or another benefit, knowingly or intentionally:**

5       **(1) fraudulently represents himself or herself to be an active**  
6 **member or veteran of:**

7       **(A) the United States Air Force;**

8       **(B) the United States Army;**

9       **(C) the United States Coast Guard;**

10       **(D) the United States Marines;**

11       **(E) the United States National Guard;**

12       **(F) the United States Navy; or**

13       **(G) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United**  
14 **States;**

15       **(2) uses a falsified military identification; or**

16       **(3) fraudulently represents himself or herself to be a recipient**  
17 **of the:**

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1 (A) Congressional Medal of Honor;  
2 (B) Distinguished Service Cross;  
3 (C) Navy Cross;  
4 (D) Air Force Cross;  
5 (E) Silver Star;  
6 (F) Purple Heart;  
7 (G) Combat Infantryman Badge;  
8 (H) Combat Action Badge;  
9 (I) Combat Medical Badge;  
10 (J) Combat Action Ribbon; or  
11 (K) Air Force Combat Action Medal;  
12 commits stolen valor, a Class A misdemeanor.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1187, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 33.

Page 4, line 20, delete "Level 6 felony." and insert "**Class A misdemeanor**."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1187 as introduced.)

WASHBURN

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

